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SUBJ: FOOTHILLS ANNOUNCES NEW EXPRESS LINE PROPOSAL FOR
TRANSPORT OF ALASKA GAS

1. FOOTHILLS PIPE LINE GROUP, PRINCIPAL CANADIAN BACKERS OF
ALCAN PIPELINE PROJECT, ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 16 ALTERNATIVE
NEW EXPRESS LINE PROPOSAL TO TRANSPORT ALASKAN GAS STRAIGHT
THROUGH WESTERN CANADA TO U.S. BORDER DELIVERY POINTS.
PROPOSED EXPRESS SYSTEM INVOLVES 48-INCH DIAMETER 1260 PSI
GAS MAINLINE COMMENCING AT PRUDHOE BAY, ROUTED FROM THE
NORTH SLOPE ALONG THE OIL PIPELINE TO A POINT NEAR FAIRBANKS,
ALASKA, AND THEN ROUTED ALONG THE ALASKAN HIGHWAY CORRIDOR
TO FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. FROM THERE THE 48-INCH MAINLINE
WOULD CROSS THE EXISTING SERVICE AREAS OF THE WESTCOAST AND
ALBERTA GAS TRUNK SYSTEMS TO CAROLINE, ALBERTA, WHERE THE
EAST-BOUND WEST-BOUND EXPRESS LINE IS DESIGNED ACROSS
SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA AND SOUTHWESTERN SASKATCHEWAN TO MONCHY,
ON THE U.S. BORDER. THERE WOULD ALSO BE A 36-INCH WEST-
BOUND EXPRESS LINE FROM CAROLINE TO KINGSGATE, B.C. ON THE
U.S. BORDER.

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2. ABOVE ALTERNATIVE, ACCORDING TO FOOTHILLS PRESIDENT
ROBERT BLAIR, MEETS HEAD-ON MAIN OBJECTIONS OF FPC LAW
JUDGE LITT AND STAFF TO ALCAN PROJECT, I.E., INTERMINGLING
OF TRANSMISSION SERVICES FOR ALASKAN GAS WITH EXISTING
SYSTEMS FOR B.C. AND ALBERTA GAS AND ABSENCE OF PRE-BUILT
CAPACITY FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF SERVICE FOR ALASKAN GAS.
BLAIR INDICATED THAT "TOPICAL U.S. INTEREST IN ARRANGING

AN EXPRESS LINE CORRIDOR HAVING LARGE PRE-BUILD EXPANSION CAPABILITY HAS DEMANDED RECOGNITION. THEREFORE, IF THAT IS THE SERVICE THE U.S. WANTS AND WISHES TO BARGAIN FOR AND PAY FOR, WE ARE PROVIDING EXACTLY THAT ALTERNATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES. WE WILL CO- OPERATE FULLY IN GIVING THIS SERVICE, PROVIDED THAT THE CANADIAN PUBLIC INTEREST IN ITS GAS TRANSMISSION INDUSTRY IS PROTECTED REGIONALLY THROUGH OWNERSHIP OF THE EXPRESS SYSTEMS BY THE CANADIAN OPERATING COMPANIES".

3. NEW EXPRESS LINE SYSTEM WOULD INVOLVE SMALL DROP-OFF OF ALASKAN GAS TO SUPPLY ALL NEARBY RESIDENTS OF YUKON TERRITORY. PAN ALBERTA GAS LTD., AFFILIATE OF ALBERTA GAS TRUNK LINE, IS APPLYING IN ALBERTA TO REPLACE THIS SUPPLY WITH ALBERTA GAS ON AN EXCHANGE BASIS.

4. NEW PIPELINE PROPOSAL IS TO BE FILED WITH NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 28. COPIES OF FOOTHILLS PIPE LINE LTD. PRESS RELEASE BEING AIR MAILED TO EMBASSY OTTAWA, EUR/CAN, AND EB/ORF/FSE.

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